

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 15 and 17-18 as indicated below.

Please add new claims 19-27 as indicated below.

1. – 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method for transferring image information between an imaging device and a host system, said method comprising:

the host system detecting a coupling of the imaging device to the host system; in response to detecting the coupling, said host system automatically launching application software associated with the imaging device for requesting image information transfer from the imaging device; and in response to the request, the application software periodically attempting to communicate with the imaging device to cause said image information is transferred from the imaging device to the host system.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 15, wherein the host system detects the coupling of the image device if the imaging device is connected to a port of the host system.

17. (Currently Amended) A system to receive image information from an imaging device comprising:

a processor;

an input port; and

a detection circuit, said detection circuit detecting the coupling of the imaging device to the input port, and wherein said processor automatically launches application software associated with the imaging device for requesting the image information to be transferred from the imaging device in response to detecting the coupling of the image device to the input port by the detection circuit, wherein the application software periodically attempts to communicate with the image device to initiate the transfer of the image information from the imaging device.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium comprising instructions, which when executed by a processing system to perform an operation of transferring image information between a host system and an imaging device, the operation comprising: the host system detecting a coupling of the imaging device to the host system; in response to detecting the coupling, said host system automatically launching application software associated with the imaging device for requesting image information from the imaging device; and in response to the request, the application software periodically attempting to communicate with the imaging device to cause said image information is received from the imaging device to the host system.

19. (New) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

a port driver of an operating system (OS) executed within the host system signaling when the imaging device is connected to the port of the host system;

an imaging device driver associated with the imaging device signaling the port driver upon successfully opening the imaging device; and the imaging device driver acquiring the image information from the imaging device via the port driver and forwarding the acquired image information to the application software.

20. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein transferring the image information comprises initiating the application software for transferring the image information from the imaging device upon detecting the imaging device coupled to the host system.

21. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the port of the host system is one of a USB (universal serial bus) compatible port and an IEEE 1394 compatible port.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the imaging device is a digital camera, and wherein the image information comprises one or more digital images captured by the digital camera.

23. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein the host system detects the coupling of the image device if the imaging device is connected to a port of the host system.

24. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 23, wherein the operation further comprises:

a port driver of an operating system (OS) executed within the host system signaling when the imaging device is connected to the port of the host system; an imaging device driver associated with the imaging device signaling the port driver upon successfully opening the imaging device; and the imaging device driver acquiring the image information from the imaging device via the port driver and forwarding the acquired image information to the application software.

25. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein transferring the image information comprises initiating the application software for transferring the image information from the imaging device upon detecting the imaging device coupled to the host system.

26. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 23, wherein the port of the host system is one of a USB (universal serial bus) compatible port and an IEEE 1394 compatible port.

27. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 26, wherein the imaging device is a digital camera, and wherein the image information comprises one or more digital images captured by the digital camera.